Nilesh Kumar

Nilesh Kumar is an Indian sports journalist who covers the National Football League (NFL), international football, and major sporting events. His work has appeared in *Sports Illustrated*, *VAVEL*, and other digital sports publications.

Kumar started his career covering basketball at FanSided, then worked as an Assistant Content Manager at Sportskeeda. He later returned to writing full-time at Fadeaway World and expanded his reporting to include the NFL and international football. He is now covering the **FIFA World Cup 2026**, hosted in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Early Life and Background

Nilesh Kumar is Indian. Details about his early life, birthplace, and education are not publicly available. He began his career in digital sports journalism, working with major sports media platforms in India and abroad.

Early in his career, he worked in fast-paced digital publishing, where accuracy, speed, and engaging readers were essential. These qualities have defined his work across different publications and sports.

Career

FanSided

Kumar started his sports journalism career at **FanSided**, a major fan-driven sports media network in the United States. He wrote NBA news and game analysis, gaining early experience with the fast pace and high standards of digital sports publishing, where accuracy and timely reporting are crucial.

At FanSided, Kumar learned to produce content quickly and consistently in a competitive environment. This experience helped him grow as a professional sports journalist able to handle multiple stories and news cycles.

Sportskeeda

After FanSided, Kumar joined **Sportskeeda**, one of India's biggest digital sports platforms with a large international audience. As Assistant Content Manager, he took on editorial planning, content strategy, publishing workflows, and audience engagement, in addition to writing.

This role gave Kumar insight into how large digital sports media organizations manage editorial output, plan content calendars, and keep content consistent across many sports and topics. His experience in editorial management set him apart from those focused only on writing.

Fadeaway World

After working at Sportskeeda, Kumar went back to full-time writing at **Fadeaway World**, a digital sports publication focused on NBA and basketball. He continued to write news and analysis about professional basketball, strengthening his background before expanding to other sports.

Expansion into the NFL and International Football Coverage

Kumar later expanded his coverage beyond basketball to include the National Football League and international football. He developed expertise in both sports, and his work appeared in more publications such as *Sports Illustrated*, *Athlon Sports*, *VAVEL*, and *Pro Football & Sports Network* (PFSN), reaching readers in the United States and around the world.

Coverage Areas

National Football League

Much of Kumar's recent work has focused on the **National Football League**. He reports on player transactions, free agency, coaching changes, contract news, the NFL Draft, and major league storylines each season.

Kumar's NFL articles do more than just report news. He explains what roster moves, signings, or coaching decisions mean for teams and players. This approach matches his focus on giving readers accurate information with helpful context.

His NFL reporting has appeared in *Sports Illustrated*, *Athlon Sports*, and *Pro Football & Sports Network* (PFSN), which all serve American football fans in the United States.

International Football

In addition to covering the NFL, Kumar also reports on international football. He writes about national team news, player transfers, squad selections, match analysis, and the bigger stories around major international tournaments.

His international football articles have been published in *VAVEL* and *Last Word on Sports*, which both reach global football audiences.

FIFA World Cup 2026

Kumar is now covering the **FIFA World Cup 2026**, hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico. This is the first World Cup with **48 nations**, making it the largest ever. The expanded format brings more matches and qualifying teams, giving the tournament a wider global reach than before.

His World Cup reporting covers qualified teams, rising players, tournament stories, key match events, and the importance of the competition returning to North America for the first time since the United States hosted in 1994.

Journalism Style and Approach

Kumar's journalism stands out for its clarity, accuracy, and evidence-based analysis. He avoids speculation and sensationalism, focusing on verified developments, data, and context in his articles.

Instead of just reporting immediate news, his articles often look at the bigger picture. He explores how roster changes, transfers, player performances, and team decisions affect teams and competitions. This approach is consistent in his coverage of both American and international football.

A key theme in his work is building reader trust. He aims to present reliable information clearly and avoids exaggerating conclusions or treating rumors as facts.

This standard is especially important in areas like transfer news and NFL free agency, where unverified reports are common.

Publications

Throughout his career, Nilesh Kumar has contributed to the following sports media organizations:

- *Sports Illustrated*
- *Pro Football & Sports Network (PFSN)*
- *VAVEL*
- *Athlon Sports*
- *Last Word on Sports*
- *FanSided*
- *Sportskeeda*
- *Fadeaway World*

References

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External Links

Author profiles on contributing publications:

- *Sports Illustrated – author page.*
- *Athlon Sports – author page*
- *VAVEL – author page*
- *Last Word on Sports – author page*